

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In the method of making downlink operational measurements a measurement request from one of a main controller and a first base station is sent to at least a second base station. The measurement request requests the second base station to instruct mobile terminals in communication therewith to make operation measurements of at least one signal transmitted by the first base station. The second base station transmits a measurement instruction to the mobile terminals in communication therewith in response to the measurement request. The measurement instruction instructs the mobile terminals in communication with the second base station to make operational measurements of the signal transmitted from the first base station. Then the second base station receives results of the operational measurements from the mobile terminals in communication therewith. Alternatively or in addition, the second base station makes the operational measurements.